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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PGOV, CY, TU
SUBJECT: CYPRUS MISSING PERSONS

REF: A. USUN 555, B. GENEVA 01209

1. PURSUANT TO UN'S PROPOSED COURSE OF ACTION ON ESTABLISH-
ING MISSING PERSONS COMMITTEE, UN REP IN GENEVA MET WITH
ICRC OPERATIONS DIRECTOR JEAN-PIERRE HOCKE TO REVIEW MORE
PRECISELY THE ROLE ICRC ENVISAGED FOR ITSELF IN MISSING
PERSONS COMMITTEE. ACCORDING TO UN SECRETARIAT, HOCKE
ACKNOWLEDGED DISTINCTION BETWEEN PROCEDURAL ("TECHNICAL")
AND SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES. ON PROCEDURAL MATTERS, ICRC
WOULD BE WILLING TO CONSIDER POSITIVELY A VOTING ROLE FOR
ITS REPRESENTATIVE TO THE COMMITTEE, ON THE CONDITION
THAT BOTH PARTIES AGREE AND THAT VOTING WOULD ONLY TAKE
PLACE AFTER EFFORTS AT CONSENSUS HAD BEEN EXHAUSTED.

2. ON SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES, HOCKE REPEATED HIS PREVIOUSLY
EXPRESSED VIEWPOINT THAT THERE WOULD BE NO NEED FOR VOTING.
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COMMITTEE FINDINGS WOULD FALL INTO THREE CATEGORIES:
SUBJECT IS DEAD, ALIVE, OR REMAINS "MISSING" ON THE BASIS
OF INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION. THUS, THERE IS NO REQUIRE-
MENT FOR CASTING VOTES.

3. HOCKE ADDED THAT ICRC WOULD FURTHER CONSIDER SUBMITTING
A LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING SPELLING OUT HOW THE ICRC

INTERPRETS ITS ROLE IN THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE.

4. UN SECRETARIAT INFORMED US THAT IT NOW INTENDS TO CONSULT WITH SYG'S ACTING SPECIAL REP GORGE ON NEXT STEPS TO BE TAKEN WITH THE GOC AND DENKTASH. IN LIGHT OF ICRC'S VIEWS, UN SECRETARIAT IS NOW TENDING TOWARD MAKING PRESENTATIONS TO BOTH PARTIES IN AS PERSUASIVE AS POSSIBLE MANNER. ICRC INTERPRETATION OF ITS ROLE IN PROCEDURAL MATTERS WILL OF COURSE HAVE TO BE PARTICULARLY DELICATELY BROACHED TO TURK/CYPRIOT SIDE. UN SECRETARIAT DOES NOT HAVE PLANS AT THIS MOMENT TO CONSULT WITH TURKISH PERMREP TURKMEN. YOUNG

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